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THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" The answer to the first portion of the question is in the affirmative. The Government feel that it may not be desirable to concentrate all honorary functions on members of the Legislature who by reason of that very position can do a great deal of good without being appointed visitors. It may be desirable to confer honorary positions on others also. Those who are interested in jails and prisoners apart from individual or party interest will certainly be preferred whether they are members of the Legislature or not."

Dispute between employers and employees in Stoneware Pipe, Tiruvallur.

* 1259 *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the existence of a dispute between the employers and employees of the Stoneware Pipe, Tiruvallur, Chingleput district, was brought to the notice of the Labour Commissioner; and

(*b*) whether any conciliation was attempted and with what results?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" (*a*) The dispute was brought to the notice of the Commissioner of Labour in February 1953.

" (*b*) Yes, the report of the conciliation officer is under consideration of Government."

Reserved forest areas in Anantapur.

* 1260 *Q.*—SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state what steps are taken to increase plantation in reserved areas in Anantapur district?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" Work is in progress for concentrated regeneration of an area of 600 acres under the Soil Conservation Scheme. " Neem " and " Kamala " species are also being raised on a plantation scale. During the rainy season, an area of 13,200 acres is expected to be sown with seeds broadcast by the forest subordinates."

Tannery industry in the State.

* 1261 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Committee was appointed to enquire into the conditions of the Tannery Industry in the State;

(*b*) whether the Committee has submitted its report to the Government; and

(*c*) whether the report will be placed on the table of the House?